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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The seventh annual conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement will be held at Montreat, N. C., July 2-11, the mountain assembly grounds of the Presbyterian church, fifteen miles east of Asheville (Railroad Station, Black Mountain, N. C.) "In cool Montreat," has become a popular phrase; and the two commodious hotels and the auditorium provide facilities which were not to be had at Kenilworth Inn; while those objectionable features necessarily present at a hotel for general summer resort will not be experienced at Montreat.

Rev. T. B. Ray, D. D., of the Baptist Church is the presiding officer this year. In addition to the Mission Board secretaries, there will be present and take part in the program, President Edwin M. Poteat, of Furman University; Dr. Jno. E. White, of Atlanta; Rev. T. D. Ellis, of Macon; Rev. A. E. Brown, of Asheville; Rev. C. G. Hounshell, of Korea; Rev. J. W. Bradley, of China; Dr. W. H. Park, of China; Prof. C. T. Henderson, Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement Baptist Church; Mr. W. B. Stubbs, Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement Methodist Church; Dr. Dunbar H. Ogden, of Atlanta; Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University. Rev. H. F. Williams, now in the East studying the foreign mission fields, will return in time for the conference and bring a great message.

The work of the conference will be powerful in its educational and inspirational value. Mr. Edmund D. Soper and Mr. Harry L. Myers, General Secretaries of the Young People's Missionary Movement, will lead the Mission Study work through the entire conference. Rev. Ed F. Cook, will provide for the Institutes on Methods in the Sunday school and other church organizations. Special Laymen's Institutes will be conducted by leaders from the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Denominational group meetings will be valuable and delightful. The morning and evening addresses will be of the very highest order. Ten days association with the three hundred church leaders full of hope, vigor and consecration, is an invaluable experience for those who are looking forward and are anxious to help move the interests of the Kingdom upward.

The tremendous value of this conference can not be overestimated. It represents the consecrated effort of the Mission Boards of all the denominations, to provide especially for the training of leaders among the young people, and every church which has taken care in the selection of one or more delegates and secured their attendance on one of these conferences has experienced a large blessing. The church which overlooks this opportunity is not awake; and the pastors and leaders who fail to make faithful effort to secure the attendance of delegates, are recreant and must not complain of lack of progress in their churches.

For many reasons the conference of this summer should be the largest in point of attendance and the most effective

in its work of any yet held. Definite movement on the part of pastors and leaders toward selecting and securing strong representatives should be begun immediately. All correspondence in regard to the conference should be addressed to Mr. R. L. Wiggins, Jr., 510 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

THE ORPHANAGE DEBT.

Synod of Virginia.

The statement has been made at some of the meetings of the Presbyteries, and published in the religious papers, that a recent legacy of \$4,000 would pay the balance due on the debt of the Orphans' Home at Lynchburg.

Having been acting treasurer of this institution for some months past, and believing it important for the people of the Synod to know the facts in the case, I desire to make the following explanation.

The actual indebtedness of the home at this writing is \$8,275. It is true that the home has (besides the pledges to the support fund) unpaid promises and legacies estimated at about \$8,500, including the \$4,000 legacy. This excellent showing is largely due to the work of the Rev. Bolling Hobson during the one year of his incumbency as superintendent. There is, however, one subscription of \$800 which is conditioned on the payment of the debt by Jan. 1, 1910, and it is not at all certain that we shall be able to meet that condition. The \$4,000 may not be paid over to us by Jan. 1, 1910, and, even if it is, the promises due before that date will fall \$500 short of the amount needed. If this \$800 subscription is lost, the promises due after Jan. 1, 1910, will not more than make up for the loss, and the home will still be \$500 short of paying the debt. So that, in any case, it will be necessary to secure an additional \$500 for the debt fund.

In the meantime we are paying six per cent interest on \$8,275, and there are some repairs and improvements which simply can not be deferred, which will cost at least \$1,500.

A friend now will be a friend indeed.

J. A. McMurray.

Lynchburg, Va.

MONTHLY DOTS FROM THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

Everything is now looking forward to Commencement. This will begin with a sermon by Rev. Dr. R. E. Douglas, of Macon, Ga. On Monday evening, June 14, the societies will give their usual entertainment. On Tuesday afternoon the Board of Trustees hold their annual meeting. Rev. Jno. W. Carpenter, of Malden, W. Va., delivers the address. There will be eight graduates. On Wednesday morning the Alumni meeting and on Wednesday evening the school exhibitions are held. All of these exercises will have large audiences and many old pupils and visiting friends are expected to come.

The principal event of the month was the entertainment given by the Thornwell Orphanage pupils under the leadership of their accomplished principal, Miss Kennedy. It was "An Evening in Dixie." The Confederate drill won multitudes of kind words from the people of Clinton.

The annual event of interest in Orphanage circles is the re-arrangement of the various sets of workers. As, owing to

the graduation of each of our best helpers, there are that many vacancies to be filled, "new monitors," had to be selected and the working sets entirely rearranged. There are eight of these "sets" of girls with seven in each set. None are chosen under the 7th Grade. It is always an anxious time with both monitors and children. The monitors are selected by the matrons; the monitors then select the girls for their divisions. It is wonderful what efficiency and interest is the result of this method. Each one of the sets spends one month in each of the departments, then passing on to the next. The departments are housekeeping, dressmaking, cooking, dairy work, tailoring, steam laundry work, ironing, dining room care. They take the full round of domestic duties. At the annual commencement a medal is awarded to the monitor whose set has earned the highest marks in these various departments.

The receipts for February, March and April, have been several hundred dollars behind the necessities for those months. Our friends will all have to bestir themselves. There are many orphans applying for an education and care. Send contributions to Rev. Wm. P. Jacobs, Clinton, S. C.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The Commencement Exercises this year include the Baccalaureate Sermon, and the address before the Young Men's Christian Association, by Dr. James I. Vance. The annual boat race, the Joint Celebration of the Literary Societies, the address before the Alumni Association, by Hon. Wade Hampton Ellis, the address before the Literary Societies, by George F. Parker, esq., New York, and the Valedictory Address, C. S. Osbourne, West Virginia. A portrait of Rev. George Junkin, D. D., is to be presented to the college this year.

BINGHAM SCHOOL.

The Commencement exercises, at Bingham, were a great success, on May 23. The baccalaureate sermon was ably and helpfully preached by Rev. R. T. Liston, and at night the Y. M. C. A. address was most acceptably delivered by Rev. Dr. McLeod. On Monday night, the Bingham Military band of nineteen members gave a delightful open air concert on the lawn. Wednesday night, a very fine debate took place, the query being the subject of Japanese immigration and the rights of the Japanese in California. The University of North Carolina scholarship was awarded to Thomas Lee Gore, and that given by the Washington and Lee University was awarded to Harvey Blair Jones.

NACOOCHIE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

Sautee, Ga.

The committee of arrangements for the Nacoochie Training School, consisting of Rev. C. I. Stacy, Elberton; Rev. J. D. McPhail, Commerce, and your correspondent, met in Athens, April 9, and we are glad to report that the work of the committee is progressing nicely, and that there will be a great treat in store for all who attend the meetings next summer.

Besides Bible teaching, wide range of